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SUBJECT: RHODESIA: CONGRESSIONAL ACTION ON SANCTIONS

1. HOUSE-SENATE CONFEREES ON FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT AGREED
ON AUGUST 10 TO THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE ON RHODESIAN
SANCTIONS:

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SECTION 25. SECTION 533 (D) OF THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE
ACT OF 1961 -S AMENDED BY INSERTING (1) IMMEDIATELY
AFTER (D) AND BY ADDING AT THE END THEREOF THE FOLLOWING
NEW PARAGRAPH:

(2) IN FURTHERANCE OF THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION AND

THE FOREIGN POLICY INTERESTS OF THE UNITED STATES, THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES SHALL NOT ENFORCE
SANCTIONS AGAINST RHODESIA AFTER DECEMBER 31, 1978: PROVIDED
THAT THE PRESIDENT DETERMINES THAT:

(A) THE GOVERNMENT OF RHODESIA HAS DEMONSTRATED ITS
WILLINGNESS TO NEGOTIATE IN GOOD FAITH AT AN ALL PARTIES
CONFERENCE HELD UNDER INTERNATIONAL AUSPICES ON ALL

RELEVANT ISSUES; AND

(B) A GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN INSTALLED, CHOSEN BY FREE
ELECTIONS IN WHICH ALL POLITICAL AND POPULATION GROUPS
HAVE BEEN ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE FREELY, WITH OBSER-
VATION BY IMPARTIAL, INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED OBSERVERS.
END TEXT. FOLLOWING AGREEMENT ON OTHER PROVISIONS,
THE ACT WILL BE PRESENTED TO FULL HOUSE AND SENATE FOR
VOTE.

2. DEPARTMENT IS USING THE FOLLOWING FOR GUIDANCE IN
RESPONSE TO INQUIRIES ON THE COMMITTEE'S ACTION:

-- WHILE WE CANNOT SUPPORT A UNILATERAL LIFTING OF
SANCTIONS IN VIOLATION OF OUR INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS,
WE NEVERTHELESS BELIEVE THAT THE HOUSE AND SENATE
CONFEREES DEMONSTRATED THEIR AWARENESS OF THE CURRENT
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CRITICAL STAGE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS IN WHICH WE AND THE
BRITISH HAVE BEEN INVOLVED TO BRING A LASTING SETTLEMENT
TO THE RHODESIAN PROBLEM. THE REFERENCE IN THE FINAL
CONFERENCE REPORT TO THE NEED FOR FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS
AT AN ALL-PARTIES CONFERENCE IS PARTICULARLY CONSTRUCTIVE
IN THAT IT UNDERSCORES THE ADMINISTRATION'S FIRM BELIEF
THAT SUCH A CONFERENCE IS ESSENTIAL IF A SETTLEMENT
THAT ENDS THE CONFLICT IN RHODESIA IS TO BE ACHIEVED.
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